

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 4-8 and 10 and add NEW claims 11-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part, which is mounted on a circuit board, comprising:
a socket body on which the electrical part is accommodated; and
a plurality of contactors disposed on the socket body to establish an electrical connection between the circuit board and the electrical part,
the socket body comprising a contact unit in which the contactors are held, the contact unit comprising:
a first plate disposed at an uppermost position of the contact unit,
a second plate disposed at a lower side of the first plate,
a fourth plate disposed at a lowermost position of the contact unit, and
a third plate disposed at an upper side of the fourth plate,
each of the first through fourth plates having a plurality of through holes through each of which the contactors are respectively inserted, and
a spacer disposed between the second and third plates and defining a through hole to receive a plurality of the contactors,
a hole size of the through hole of the second plate being larger than a hole size of the through hole of the first plate to form a first stepped portion,
a hole size of the through hole of the third plate being larger than a hole size of the through hole of the fourth plate to form a second stepped portion,
the first and second stepped portions to prevent the contactors from coming out of the contact unit, and contactors having a different length being accommodated into the contact unit only by replacing the spacer with a spacer of a different thickness.

2-3 (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical part parts according to claim 1, wherein the socket body comprises a socket frame and the contact unit, the socket frame having an opening capable of accommodating the contact unit, and the contact unit is detachably disposed on the socket frame.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical parts part according to claim 1, wherein the plates of the contact unit are formed of a same material having an approximately same thermal expansion coefficient as that of an insulating material of the circuit board.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical parts part according to claim 1, wherein a positioning portion is formed, with respect to the circuit board, on the contact unit, the contact unit being positioned on the circuit board by the positioning portion.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, ~~which is disposed on a circuit board having a hole therein, comprising:~~
~~a socket body on which the electrical part is accommodated; and~~
~~a plurality of contactors disposed on the socket body for establishing an electrical connection between the circuit board and the electrical part,~~
~~the socket body comprising:~~
~~a frame, and~~
~~a contact unit in which the contactors are held, further comprising a positioning portion on the contact unit fitting into the hole of the circuit board, the contact unit being positioned on the circuit board by the positioning portion, even if there is a clearance between the frame and the contact unit.~~

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, wherein the socket body comprises a socket frame and the contact unit,
and the socket frame has an opening capable of accommodating the contact unit, and the contact unit is detachably disposed on the socket frame.

9. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 1, the contactor elastically abutting against the circuit board so as to establish an electrical connection therebetween.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 8, wherein the contactors elastically abutting ~~abutting~~ against the circuit board so as to establish an electrical connection therebetween.

11. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part, which is mounted on a circuit board, comprising:

a plurality of contactors to establish an electrical connection between the circuit board and the electrical part;

a first plate;

a second plate; and

a spacer disposed between the first and second plates, the first and second plates and the spacer to define a through hole to receive a plurality of the contactors.

12. (NEW) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of contactors pass through the through hole in the spacer without touching the spacer.

13. (NEW) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 11, further comprising:
a third plate between the first plate and the spacer to form a first stepped portion with the first plate; and

a fourth plate between the second plate and the spacer to form a second stepped portion with the first plate,

wherein the spacer does not form a stepped portion.